

VERY MUCH PLEASED

RAILROAD-MEN WHO HAVE BEEN VISITING NORFOLK.

The Norfolk and Western Road--A Severe Fall-Strawberries--Personal Notes--New Commander.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, March 24, 1887.

The visiting railroad officials all left the city last night. President Kimball was much gratified with the inspection and predicts a great future for Norfolk. He has faith in the Norfolk and Western road and its auxiliaries, and believes that important operations which his company is about to go into will give Norfolk a far greater boom than it ever has experienced. He says the present management has \$22,500,000 invested, and the past policy of the management is a guarantee of what may be expected. Over \$90,000 was paid the State in taxes last year by his road.

The commandant of the navy-yard, Captain George Brown, is doing all his power to have one of the steel gunboats, for which appropriation has been made, built here.

Norfolk county will send up a petition to the Legislature next week opposing the repeal of the local-option law. The quantity of liquor sold in the county will be reestablished April 10th by the marine hospital service, when the surgeon on duty in this city will be there.

Mr. J. C. Carroll, of the Seaside Club, of this city, has been nominated for commander of the Virginia Division of the American Whelmen, and the other clubs of Virginia notified.

A lady from Pittsburgh, sojourning at Old Point, while visiting the flagship Trenton yesterday fell down the main hatchway and was seriously hurt internally.

Strawberries on the truck-farms of the county have been put back three weeks by the cool weather.

Young Dr. John B. Parker, of Portsmouth, received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Maryland on Tuesday, and was appointed assistant physician at Bayview Hospital, near Baltimore.

Dr. R. H. McDonald, the wealthy capitalist of San Francisco, who has been named for the collapse of the late Exchange National Bank, has been in Camden county, N. C., where he is looking after them.

Two colored men, W. H. Williams and James Shales, fugitives from justice in Camden county, N. C., were arrested here yesterday and lodged in jail to await requisition.

Commander William Bainbridge Hoff, the new commander of the United States steamer Ossipee, reported for duty this morning.

A three-masted schooner is ashore on Hog Island, the revenue-cutter Hamilton went to her assistance yesterday afternoon.

Mac Nicholson, the foreman of the Virginia office of this city, disappeared yesterday, and his friends fear he has been kidnapped.

Samuel H. Walker is the name of the schooner ashore on Hog Island. She is loaded with coal from this port, for New London. A wrecking force will go to her at daylight.

CONFIRMATION--POLITICAL--MISSING STEAMER.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

MARCH 24, 1887.

Bishop Randolph visited this parish last night and confirmed a class of thirteen persons--including four Indian boys and one Indian girl--at St. John's church. He preached a powerful sermon on the subject of "Faith." The following names were present in the church: Revs. O. E. Herick, of Fort Monroe; W. L. Gravatt, of Norfolk; the rector, Rev. J. Gravatt, and his assistant, Rev. Mr. Townsend.

The political kettle is beginning to boil. Candidates for the various offices are numerous.

Mrs. H. C. Morrow is quite sick at her residence here.

Mr. R. B. Wood is having a dwelling-house erected on Mallory avenue. Captain Joseph Scott, Messrs. W. E. Lawrence and C. E. Lee are having dwellings erected in the West End.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church have been holding a fair in the Armory for the past three days. Many of the ladies in attendance were costumed in costumes of "ye olden time."

Circuit Court commences in Warwick county on Monday. It was supposed that the case of the representatives of Martin McRae (one of the young men killed by the explosion of the elevator at Newport News) against the elevator company would be tried, but it is learned from Mr. M. T. Hughes, counsel for the plaintiffs, that, on learning the defendants would raise the plea of "jurisdiction," he will take the case to the United States Circuit Court, and it will come on before that court at Norfolk in May.

The Ducal steamer Duke of Westminster is expected here to-day. Nothing has been learned in regard to the missing steamer Duke of Buckingham.

DANVILLE.

Conductor Hurt--Thieves Arrested.

Political.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, Va., March 24.--Conductor Battley, of the Virginia Midland road, fell from a freight train this afternoon and was seriously injured. The train was in motion at the time, and it stepping from one car to another he accidentally fell between the cars. It was an unaccountable way he was thrown off the track, and the cars did not pass over him, but he received a severe wound on the head, and his doctor says he was injured. He is now in the hospital in the train which broke through the trestle near Chatham some time ago, but escaped unharmed. He was promoted after the accident to the position of conductor.

A movement is on foot here to establish a savings bank. The Franklin county has decided not to run a party ticket for county officers, but to have a free fight independent of politics.

For some time past this city has been overriden with chicken-thieves. To-night officers Brown and Long captured a thief in a hen-house, and this makes the fourth thief they have caught in the act of stealing chickens.

The revival meetings at Mt. Vernon church closed last night. Thirty persons were converted.

GATHERED AT ALEXANDRIA.

The Fairfax Primary--Severely Hurt--Deaths.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 24.--Most all the returns of yesterday's Fairfax primary are in, and it is estimated that of the following: Commonwealth's Attorney, James M. Love; Clerk of Circuit Court, S. W. Richardson; Clerk of County Court, Graham (elose); Sheriff, George A. Gordon; Commissioner of Revenue for the South Side, John W. H. (though with five prospects to lose); Henry Wrenn, Treasurer, John H. Chickester. The Herald says 1,400 votes were cast.

A letter from Orleans, Faquier, to the Gazette says: "On Monday morning Mr. Philip Triplett had a difficulty with a negro in a street in his own house, and the latter struck him in the face with the handle of a scrub-

SOUTH SIDE.

CHARGE OF VIOLENT ASSAULT--A DIFFICULTY ABOUT DRINKS.

Beld Robbery--The Fire Department Reorganization--Southampton and the Atlantic and Danville Railroad, &c.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, March 24, 1887.

An officer from Dinwiddie county is in the city armed with a warrant for the arrest of one Chester Hughes (colored), charged, with felonious assault, from the facts to be gathered here. It appears that on Tuesday night last, at a store a few miles from town, Hughes and another colored man named Cephus Jenkins got into a quarrel about the payment of drinks. Hughes is reported to have invited Jenkins to settle the matter, and the challenge was accepted. The parties went out, when, it is alleged, Jenkins was struck on the head by Hughes with some heavy instrument and felled to the ground. It is said that Jenkins's skull was fractured by the blow and that he is not expected to live. Hughes has been arrested and is reported to have been sent in this city. A description of the fugitive has been left with the police of this city.

A valise containing a suit of clothes, a sum of money, a bag of shot, and other articles belonging to Mr. A. Morgan, of Dinwiddie county, was stolen from that gentleman's buggy at Centerville this morning. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the parties suspected of having committed the theft.

The pay-roll of the Petersburg fire department is about \$5,000 per year--less than one half of what is paid for the same service in Norfolk or Lynchburg. Under the proposed reorganization of the department it is presumed that the officers and men will be paid better salaries.

It is probable that an effort will be made by the friends of the Atlantic and Danville Railroad Company to secure an order for a new election in Southampton county on the question of appropriating \$150,000 in bonds to the capital stock of the company. The route as proposed for the road will run a distance of about forty miles through the county.

It is hardly probable now that any action will be taken by the Common Council on the proposition recently submitted by the Virginia and Carolina Railroad Company for a reorganization on the basis of a sale of the road, with privilege of the purchase of the property and franchises by the city and the guaranteed stockholders before the 1st of April. The special committee to whom the matter was referred has not yet framed its report, and has not given any intimation of what the report will be.

Relatives of Mrs. John D. Young in this city have received information of her serious illness at her home in Louisville, Ky.

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